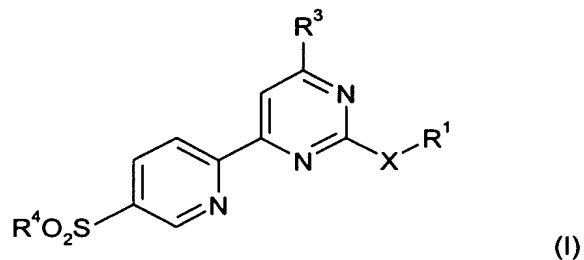


Abstract

The invention provides the compounds of formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Compounds of formula (I) are potent and selective inhibitors of COX-2 and are of use in the treatment of the pain, fever and inflammation of a variety of conditions and diseases.